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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before STONER, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, Administrative Patent Judge.

PER CURIAM

On December 21, 1998, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal (Paper No. 13). On December 28, 2000, applicants filed a "CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d)" (Paper No. 19).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed December 21, 1998 is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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